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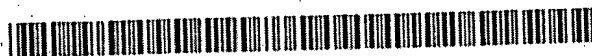
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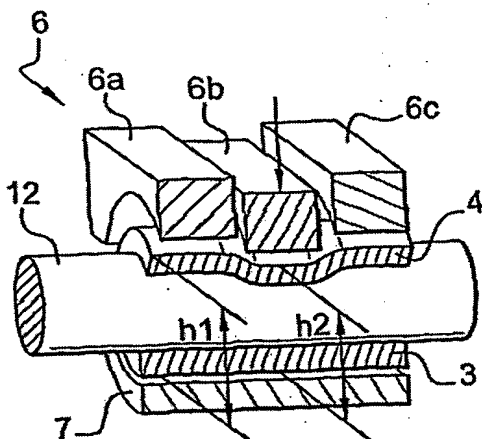
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(54) Title: ELECTRIC CONTACT CRIMPING METHOD AND CONTACT OBTAINED ACCORDING TO SAID METHOD

(54) Titre : PROCÉDE DE SERTISSAGE DE CONTACT ELECTRIQUE ET CONTACT OBTENU PAR CE PROCÉDE



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a an electric contact crimping
method carried out on an electric wire, said contact comprising a crimped
section provided with a barrel (3) for receiving the electric wire (2), said
barrel comprising a part which is used to clasp the wire by deformation.
The method comprises a first crimping stage for a localized area of the
crimping section carried out at a first crimping height (h1) folding a first
surface of the crimping section on the wire (2) by means of a crimping
tool comprising a first stamping element (6) and an anvil (7) and a second
crimping stage carried out at a second crimping height (h2) which is lower
than the first. The invention also relates to a contact obtained according to
said method.

(57) Abrégé : - L'objet de l'invention est d'une part un procédé de sertis-
sage de contact électrique sur un fil électrique, le contact comportant une
section de sertissage munie d'un fût (3) de réception du fil (2) électrique, le
fût comportant une partie destinée à enserrer le fil par déformation, le pro-
cédé comportant une première étape de sertissage à une première hauteur de
sertissage (h1) en repliant une première surface de la section de sertissage

sur le fil (2) par un outil de sertissage comportant un poinçon (6) et une enclume (7) et une seconde étape de sertissage à une seconde
hauteur de sertissage (h2), inférieure à la première, d'une région localisée de la section de sertissage et d'autre part un contact obtenu
par CE procédé.

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ELECTRIC CONTACT CRIMPING METHOD AND CONTACT OBTAINED ACCORDING TO SAID METHOD

The present invention concerns an electric contact crimping method and the contact obtained by this method.

It is known how to create an electric contact between an electric wire, particularly a multistranded wire, and a metal contact element by a crimping operation for which wings cut out of the metal contact element are bent around the stripped electric wire by means of a crimping tool of the stamp-anvil type. This technique is applied to contacts made from a metal blank that has been cut and bent.

Document US 5,561,267 concerns, for example, a contact to be crimped comprising wings of different size permitting covering one crimping wing onto another and a crimping method with a specially designed stamp-anvil tool.

The crimped contacts encounter problems of reliability in low current and low voltage applications and more particularly, microcracks appear over time. It has been shown that crimping can lose its efficacy due to an elastic spring back phenomenon of the crimping wings which causes a reduction of the contact pressure between the wings and the strands of crimped wire and can lead to increases or instabilities of contact resistance, or even losses of electrical contact.

Document US 5,025,554, for its part, concerns a crimping to which soldering paste has been added in order to improve electrical conduction. The problem of such a combination is the difficulty of placing a small quantity of the soldering paste at specific sites in an automated crimping process in a production line of automobile wiring and at the cadences associated therewith.